

REVIEWS.

W. S. Blatchley. The Coleoptera or Beetles of Indiana. Bull. Indiana Dept. Geol. and Nat. Resources, No. 1.

To quote from the author, this work has been prepared "not for specialists . . . but for beginners," he modestly disclaiming an exhaustive treatment of the field covered and fully realizing that many other species will yet be recognized in his State.

A bulky volume of 1380 pages is devoted to the Coleoptera Genuina, the treatment of the Rhynchophora being reserved for future accomplishment.

Analytical keys to genera and species and brief descriptions of Indiana species known are given and such other species as have been taken in the adjoining regions are included in the keys and noticed in the text. To save space no attempt is made to print matters relating to synonymy, but the place of original description of every species is noted and quite full references are given to the various memoirs that have appeared treating of different groups. Of these latter the author has made free use so that his volume fairly reflects the present condition of the science in this country. Numerous figures, copied and original, enliven the pages and add much interest. At the end of the volume is a glossary of terms used and an index to families and genera.

Mr. A. B. Wolcott has contributed the text of the Cleridæ with fourteen original cuts. In the course of the volume 80 new species are described and one new genus, *Blanchardia* allied to *Omethes*. This generic term and others of similar derivation in honor of the French entomologist have been so often used that it will be necessary to provide another name for the genus.

Besides the usefulness of such a work to the less advanced student there is much to interest the most experienced; the many original observations, the new characters used to define species and as a faunal list; and to us it seems that the "Bulletin No. 1 of the Indiana Department of Geology and Natural Resources" is quite worth the while for the great State of Indiana to assume the publication.

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